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Caring for our community's critters

Our previous mission: To prevent cruelty and promote kindness to all living creatures.

Revised mission statement approved at our annual meeting:

Our mission is to prevent cruelty and promote kindness to companion animals in our community. We are committed to eliminating the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets by ending overpopulation and homelessness. To achieve this, we provide quality shelter, spay/neuter, foster care, adoption and re-homing services for companion animals in our community. We provide spay/neuter and humane education, animal control services, and cruelty and neglect investigation services. We advocate for local legislation and policies to ensure that companion animals have homes with responsible, committed and loving caregivers.

Annual meeting report

The Blue Mountain Humane Society held its annual meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007.

More than 40 people joined in the event, held at the shelter at 7 E. George St. in Walla Walla.

The afternoon began with tours of the shelter at 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. the annual meeting was called to order by Matt Tucker, board president.

Tucker reviewed 2006 figures, including animals served, our spay/neuter and foster program efforts, and animal control activity throughout the year. Much of the information presented is included in this newsletter for those who were unable to attend.

The 2006 volunteer awards included recognition for the tireless efforts of three people. Nichole Slack was named youth volunteer of the year; Phil Rolfe was recognized with the Lisa S. Argenbright Award for service provided at the shelter; and Joe Drazen received the Blanche Stafford Award for service provided at the Thrift Store.

Election of the board of trustees followed. Along with the reelection of several trustees to an additional term, three new trustees were elected. They include Andrea Adams, D.V.M., of South Valley Animal Hospital; Gail Lane

of Saxum Printing; and Doug Nelson of Walla Walla Farmers Co-op. Members also voted to award several long-time supporters or past trustees the status of director emeritus.

The evening concluded with a question-and-answer session and light refreshments. Thank you to everyone who made the annual meeting a success! 🐾

Board of trustees

Matt Tucker, president	Andrea Adams, D.V.M.
Pam Hayner, vice president	Norman Adams Marianne
Nancy Nestler, co-treasurer	Allessio Miriam Grant
Sam Wells, co-treasurer	Joanne Hair Gail Lane
Sherilee Coffey, secretary	Jayne McCarthy Mark Melahn
Barbara Clark, city representative	Doug Nelson Joan Records Kathy Ruggeri Mary Lou Tillay

Directors emeritus

Susan Fazzari, D.V.M.	Helen Logan- Schneider
Clifton Ferguson	Parley Pearce
Kathy Kaping	Bertha Roberts
John Kerns	

APRIL 23, 2007

Annual meeting summary

ANIMALS CARED FOR IN OUR SHELTER

In 2006, 2,424 animals received care at our shelter. We found homes for 648 pets and returned 300 pets to their owners. We cared for 1,433 cats and kittens, representing 59 percent of our total intake. Of those, only 15 were reclaimed by their owners. Of the 933 dogs and puppies we cared for, 280 were returned to their owners thanks largely to the accurate identification provided by licensing efforts. We found homes for 336 dogs and puppies, 296 cats and kittens, and 16 "others" including rabbits, iguanas and birds. We are delighted to report that the number of animals euthanized at the shelter continues to decline. Our euthanasia rate in 2006 dropped 10 percent from 2005, and 26 percent from 2004.

THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store averaged daily sales of \$690, generating net proceeds of more than \$57,000 for the Society in 2006. Larry Siegel, who generously donated more than \$12,500 worth of legal counsel last year, negotiated an agreement with the downtown Thrift Store's landlord that resulted in one year of free rent to the Society in conjunction

with the sale of the building. Meanwhile, the search for a favorable new Thrift Store site is ongoing.

SPAY AND NEUTER EFFORTS

Altering animals remains the most effective way the Society can help to decrease pet overpopulation. The Spay-Our-Strays (SOS) program that began as a grassroots effort of shelter employees and volunteers flourished in 2006, providing funding to alter 92 of our adoptable pets. More than \$6,000 was raised for SOS at the Farmers' Market last summer.

INVESTIGATIONS

Our field officer, Angie McColley, responded to 406 calls for service in Walla Walla County last year. She responded to 185 calls for dogs at large, 66 reports of cruelty and neglect, 34 cases of dog bites, and she also routinely patrolled all areas of the county dog control zones.

VOLUNTEERS AND IN-KIND DONATIONS

Volunteers recorded more than 6,300 hours last year, representing a value of more than \$63,000. Volunteers are critical to the success of all of the Society's efforts, including our Thrift Store and shelter, the Farmers' Market, education efforts, special events and fundraisers.

LOOKING FORWARD

Goals for 2007 include:

- Increasing adoptions locally and via *petfinder.com*.

Financial summary	2005	2006
Income		
Animal operations	46,030	37,246
Contracts	45,338	55,588
Animal control receipts	29,494	59,677
Thrift Store sales	184,743	215,127
Interest income	59,396	61,048
Donations and memberships	81,212	110,098
Grants and bequests*	72,881	30,000
Fundraising (net)	14,939	32,454
Wage reimbursement	7,136	0
Total income	\$541,169	\$601,238
Expenses		
Animal care and control	39,677	29,828
Payroll expenses	337,089	314,787
General operations	134,393	142,951
Insurance and interest expense	52,463	69,961
Promotion and development	14,749	7,070
Total expenses	\$578,371	\$564,597
Net income before depreciation	\$-37,202	\$36,641
Additional information		
In-kind contributions	\$64,217	\$75,619
FMV of endowment funds	\$1,285,881	\$1,400,911
Balance due on building loans	\$515,014	\$483,629

*The Society received a \$62,881 bequest in 2005.



- Ensuring that every pet is altered before adoption.*
- Ending the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets in the shelter.
- Increasing the transfer of adoptable pets to other shelters or rescues.**
- Offering pet products for retail sale at the shelter and Farmers' Market.
- Educating and encouraging the community about TNR for feral cats.***
- Offering a comprehensive humane education curriculum in our schools.

*Every animal that has been adopted in 2007 has been altered and is current on vaccinations, including rabies shots for dogs older than 4 months.

**Since Jan. 1, 2007, we have transferred 29 dogs to other shelters or rescue groups. To date, all but five have found homes.

***TNR stands for trap/neuter/return, which has proven to be the most effective way of controlling feral cat populations in other communities.

FOSTER PROGRAM

Our commitment to not euthanize healthy, adoptable animals has dramatically increased our need for foster homes. We seek suitable temporary homes for nursing or

pregnant animals, orphaned animals, or young strays until they are ready to be adopted. Available foster homes will help us to appropriately address issues of kennel stress and overcrowding at the shelter. 🐾

On our Web site

Preview our adoptable pets

www.bmhs.petfinder.com

Our pet information is updated daily!

Thank you for helping!

From August 2006 through April 2007, we received gifts in honor or loving memory of the following people and pets.

Ann Ahler

Bill and Helen Payne

Bret Ahler

Jim and Gaye Abajian
Gary and Dixie Aichle
Ron and Judy

Blocklinger

K. Sam Brown

Loren and Sue Chestnut

Robert and Kim Croft

Kelly and Mary Fleming

James and Pam Hayner

Roger and Laura Jean

Hevel

Edward and Linda Imes

John and Kathleen Isely

Edwin and Linda Kim

Kelsey Lemm

Mike and Margaret

Lynch

Terry and Sherry

McConn

Larry and Gretchen

McKillip

Tom Watson

Bob and Deanne

Williams

Jeff and Karen Winter

Angel the bulldog

Marjorie Lyons

Appy the dog

Rosemary Derrick-

Hutchinson

Petroulia Barritt

Shary M. Jackson

Bryan Been

Alvin and Betty Jean

Ponti

In honor of

Connie Bosley

Julie Bosley

Harold Bristol

Robert and Betty

Swenson

Frances H. Yelliot

Marion Brown

Richard Brown

In honor of

Jerry Hartman, Marilyn Loveless, Nancy Semotiuk and Debora Silva

Anne and David Bullock

Sheryl Casey

Frank and Betty Laufer

Kitty Lucas

Norman

Conaway

Tracy Conaway

Patti Conner

Gaye and Jim Abajian

Dawn Adams

Larry and Karen Adams

Sonja Aikens

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Prudence Amick

Larry and Gail Arbini

Mr. and Mrs. Jon

Bachtold

Jack and Mary Barga

Peggy and Mick

Blackburn

Blue Mountain Vision

Clinic

R. D. and Joyce Boldman

Bruce and Pamela Bond

Anitra and Fred Breit

Jon and Wendy Bren

Michael and Rose

Brown

Cathy and Robert

Burlingame

Edward and Kelly

Chvatal

Skip and Shauna Cundiff

James and Patricia

Davison

Gene Cherry and

Kathleen Kahn

Desert Thunder

Motorcycle Club

Teena and Ron Elmer

Jodi Emtman

John Fayard/Moving and

Warehousing, L.L.C.

Jim and Pam Ferraro

Gary Fleenor

Donald and Shirley

Gassen

Terrie Good

Frank Gruenfelder and

Paula Frost-Palmer

Lisa Heimbigner

Marilyn and Holly

Hewitt

Glen and Kathleen

Horner

Pamela Johnson

Arline and Don

Kaminski

Kathy and Philip Kaping

Todd and Sandra Kimball

Floyd and Mary Koch

Joe and Christie Klundt

LeFore's Skin Care

Robert and Carol

Loidhamer

Sandra Longgood

Marc and Angie Maiuri

Janet Manuel

Martin and Wanda

Mattice

Jim and Jayne McCarthy

Donald and Mrs. Donald

Meiners

Jack and Alice Moore

Northwest Grain

Growers

Charlotte Pauly

Peasley Transfer and

Storage

Richard and Shirl Phillips

Alice Reithmayr

Larry and Laura

Rosenfelt

Lori Scherer

Carol Schneller-

Lundwall

Jeff and Christi Seiler
Action Moving Service

Bill and Loretta Singer

Gerald and Gerri Ann

Taylor

Lars and Gunilla

Wahlstrom

Steve and Kathy Woiblet

Doris Wood

Camille Cundiff

Lyle Hansen

Louella Reynolds

Dorothy Tanaka

Dr. Frederic Davis

Walla Walla Historic

Auto Club

Emily the cat

Bill and Margaret

Stanton

Mary Jane

Febrenbacher

William and Cheryl

Hess

Tom Fenton

Kenneth and Elizabeth

Adkins

Dina Baker

John and Terry

Czarnecki (Light and

Line Stained Glass

Studio)

Dr. Martin and Dorothy

Desomma

Marilyn Drayton

Dominick and Pamela

Elia

Samuel and Marie

Fazzari

Elizabeth Flanagan

Benjamin Flathers

Susan and Michael
Gillespie

John and Theresa

Heistuman

Laura James

Don and Arline

Kaminski

Kathy and Philip Kaping

Kathleen Kelly

Elizabeth and Becky

Kreger

James and Denise

McDonald

Evelyn Melillo

Doug and Karen

Morton

Dale and Verna Lee Peck

Carol Roediger

Friends from Rosehurst

Horse Stable: Cappy

and Joy (West) Demers,

Jim and Denise

McDonald, Ned and

Mary McDonald, Don

and Judy Schmaling,

Roy and Marybeth

Schmaling

Joanne Schmitz

William Van Beek

Rose Anne Walker

Landers Finseth, M.D.

Charles and Mary Eisele

Dorothy Soderstrom

Leslie and Nadine

Wendler

Russell Fletcher

Aaron Randall and

Connie Taylor-Randall

Molly Galt's birthday

Ginger Harrison

Glenn Gilbreth

Kristina Boschker

Ina and William Bush

Roger and Cheryl

Cockerline

Dione Hinger

Paul and Lona Niemi

Douglas and Malinda

Saturno and boys

James Sadoyama and

Thais Thrasher

Richard and Kathie

Worthington

Gin the dog

Kitty Lucas

Gov. Gregoire's dog

Donna Johannessen

Matt Griswold

Chris and Kathleen

Oliver

Jeff Reynolds

Gweny

Jim and Jayne McCarthy

Robyn Hanson

Lori Scherer

Doug Heimbigner

Jim Rice

Duane "Cork" Huwe

Alvin and Betty Jean

Ponti

Donna Hylton

Dee Gradwahl

Ed and Judy Townsend

Hermie the cat

Jon and Wendy Bren

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Here's your chance to help

To make a donation, just fill out this coupon and return it in the provided envelope to: BMHS, 7 E. George St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Memorial for: _____ In honor of: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Please notify: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

From: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Calendar of events

Farmers' Market

Every Saturday and Sunday through the end of October
Corner of Rose and Fourth streets, downtown Walla Walla

See our adoptable pets and learn about pet licensing requirements, BMHS happenings, and how to become a foster family or volunteer.

Fall Furr Ball

Saturday, Oct. 20, Elks Lodge

Our premier fundraising event of the year! Includes a hosted social hour, dinner, dancing to the lively sounds of Penrose Lane, live and silent auctions, and \$250 in play money to gamble in our casino. For tickets, call 529-5188, or call any of our board members. \$50 per person.

40th Anniversary Celebration

● Friday, Aug. 10

The Community Room, Walla Walla Regional Airport

Join us for *Petfinder.com's* Adoption Options seminar.

● Saturday, Aug. 11, BMHS

Enjoy a daylong Open House with tours, games, food and fun.

● Sunday, Aug. 12

Farmers' Market

Stop by our booth and enjoy some birthday cake!

DONOR LIST CONTINUED

Rita Jensen-Abrams
Elaine Baker

Chuckie Johnson
Myron and Wanda Rogers

**In honor of
Virginia Jones**
Scott Bannister

Edith Juhlin
Robert and Maryanne
Freeman

Ditty Kaiser
Kathy, Holly, Stacia and Su

**In honor of Don and
Arline Kaminski**
Dr. and Mrs. Barga
Don Kaminski (in honor
of Arline)

Gina Massoni
William Van Beek
Janice and Elaine Wood

Katie and Turtle
Sherilee Coffey

Kerbie
Donna Johannessen

Ellen Kerby
Jim and Jayne McCarthy

Gene Kerby
William and Marjorie
Johnson
Ed and Gloria Lawrence
Edward and Victoria
Toppano-Coers

Jan Krivoshein
Darlene Shevhaam and
Doug Metz

Jack Kuljis
Kitty Lucas

Alice Emogene Lane
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cantrell
Patricia and Jack Hanes

Mike Larengo
RaNae Panagos
Alice Reithmayr

Richard Lindgren
Leon Bannister

Marjorie Lyons
Clancy's Transfer and
Storage, Inc.
Dick and Jane Hagwell
Joan and Michael Lyons
Francis and Jayne
McCarthy
Philip and Colleen Reser
Joyce Reser-Bishop
Helen Uhler-Reser
Howard and
Merridy Wallace

**Marjorie and Matthew
Lyons**
Falkenberg's Jewelers

Matthew Lyons
Jim and Gaye Abajian
Joyce Reser Bishop
Skip and Shauna Cundiff
Benjamin Flathers
Dick and Jane Hagwell
LeMaster and Daniels
Ellen and Edward Martin
Howard and Elizabeth
Martin
Pallis Pool and Patio
Fred and Audrene Sherry

**Kristi Magallanez
the dog**
Kathy Campbell

Boston Mahan the dog
Kitty Lucas

Cecelia Martinson
William and Susan Lake
Wayman and Eula Sinden

Robert Mitchell
Jay and Sandra Smith

Louise Mock
Dick and Marilyn Neher

Muffin
David and Anne Bullock

Muffy
Tiffany Cain

**In honor of Eva and
Randy Alexander**
Patrick and Nellie Newer

Letha Osgood
Jerry Carlyle

Judy Paul
Evvonne and Loyd
Harshman

Pepper the dog
Jon and Wendye Bren

Miriam Ponti
Alvin and Betty Jean Ponti

Wiggles Ponti
Jon and Wendye Bren

Barbara Richards
Bruce and Vicki Maughan

**Myerl and Lydia
Rimpler**
Loleta Haas

Laurel Roberts
Nancy and Richard
Robison

**In honor of
Walla Walla Police
Officer Ruchert**
Donna Johannessen

Gay Sager
George and Mary Kato
Haruo and Patty Kajita
Helen Kaye and Dorothy
Tanaka

**Thank you for your
kindness to Sgt.
William Salter**

Ms. Catherine Craft
Darlene Salter
William D. Salter Sr.

Akira Schepler the dog
Donna Johannessen

Abbie Simmons
Mary Gillard

Teddy Smith
Gwen Martin
Fredericka Meier
Doug Moss

Wilbur Smith
Gerald Adams
John and Rebecca Fazzari
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Laurella
Elmer Rosenau
James and Marybelle
Savage
Lee and Rosanne Schleer
Malcolm and Theresa
White

Sparky the dog
Jon and Wendye Bren

Matt Stevens
Edward and Kelly Chvatal
Delbert and Barbara
Dodd
Scott Dwyer Family
Rosemary Hof
Kitty Lucas
Northwest Quarter
Horse Association

Medora Sullivan
L.W. and Maxine
Cummins
Falkenberg's Jewelers
Marlene Kendziora
Don and Geanice Meiners
R. R. and Hedda Reid

Hazel Taylor
Burt and Norma Handy

Charlotte Thompson
Pat and Kitty Lucas

Tigger the cat
Michael and Diane Tucker

Baby Turner the cat
Kitty Lucas

Tiffany Valdivia
Carol Clawson

Delilah "Dee" Valiante
Gordon B. Hare

**In honor of
Connie Vinti**
Ramon and Marilyn
Brown
Jerri Ramsey
Jim Vinti

Jack Walters
John and Terri Norwick

Marion Williams
John and Kathleen
Williams

Harold Winters
Tim and Kay Elliott

**In celebration of
Woody**
Donna Johannessen

Ziggy
Donna Johannessen

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Our mission:

To prevent cruelty and promote kindness to companion animals in our community.

Shelter located at:

7 E. George St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Thrift Store located at:

207 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Contact us:

Shelter phone..... 525-2452

Shelter fax 522-8247

Thrift Store phone 525-3353

Office phone 529-5188

E-mail..... bmhs@bluemountainhumane.org

We're on the Web:

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